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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1 to 3 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1 to 3 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
11) The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brewer et al., Hanisch or Tanitsu et al.

Brewer et al. teach an adhesion promoting system which comprises a silane. Note column 2, lines 25 to 40, which details various silanes meeting claimed component a). Lines 45 to 51 teach various solvents, specifically teaching various glycol ethers. This anticipates instant claims 1 and 2.

Hanisch teach organosilane esters having glycol ether moieties. See for instance Example 1 which mixes an amino silane, meeting claimed component a), and a glycol ether. This anticipates instant claims 1 and 2.

Tanitsu et al. teach a coating solution. See Comparative Example 1 on column 10 which anticipates claims 1 and 2.

3. Claims 1 to 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marks et al.

See Example 3, composition (e), on column 10. Ethyl silicate meets (a) when "n" is 0, and this examples uses a solvent meeting that in claim 3. As such each of the claims are anticipated by this example.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanisch or Tanitsu et al.

Hanisch teaches organosilane mixtures with glycol ethers. While the examples show various mixtures, they fail to show a mixture with an ether as required in claim 3. However, as can be seen on column 2, line 49, Hanisch teaches that dipropylene glycol mono-isopropyl ether can be used. Since the skilled artisan would have been motivated by the teachings of Hanisch to use such an ether in the composition of Hanisch, this renders obvious the instant claim limitation.

Tanitsu et al. teach coating solutions containing silanes. As can be seen on column 6, various solvents can be used, including glycol ethers as found in claim 3. In this manner one having ordinary skill in the art would have found a composition containing a silane and one of the ethers of claim 3 obvious.

6. Claims 1 to 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayes et al.

Hayes et al. teach a composition containing an adhesion promoter and a carrier. See for instance Examples 1 to 5 which differ from that claimed in that they use ethanol as the carrier. However, as can be seen from line 24 of column 3, propylene glycol monobutyl ether can be used in the alternative as an equivalent carrier. As such the skilled artisan would have been motivated to replace the ethanol in the examples with propylene glycol monobutyl ether, thereby rendering the instant claims obvious.

7. Nishikawa et al. is cited as being of general interest, as this reference does not qualify as prior art in the instant application.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret G. Moore whose telephone number is 703-308-4334. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Friday, 10am to 4pm..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Dawson can be reached on 703-308-2340. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9311 for regular communications and 703-872-9310 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

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